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OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSING ECOLOGICAL RISKS POSED BY CHEMICALS
PART I: INTRODUCTION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY

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The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) announces the availability of the final version of *Part I. Introduction* of the *Guidelines For Assessing Ecological Risks Posed By Chemicals*. The document was available for public comment from March 17, 2000 through May 15, 2000. Part I. of the *Guidelines for Ecological Risk Assessment Posed by Chemicals* provides an overview of ecological risk assessment and adopts the United States Environmental Protection Agency process outlined in the *Guidelines For Ecological Risk Assessment* (1998). Additionally, the format and scope of the Cal/EPA guidelines are briefly described. Previous drafts of the *Guidelines For Assessing Ecological Risks Posed By Chemicals. Part I. Introduction* have been reviewed internally by an Ecotoxicology Interagency Workgroup composed of representatives from various Cal/EPA Boards and Departments and the Resources Agency. The outline for the guidelines, developed following Workgroup and public review, has been previously reported in the *Guidelines for Assessing Ecological Risks Posed by Chemicals – Developmental Plan* (OEHHA, 1998). Individuals with questions regarding public comments or contents of the *Guidelines for Assessing Ecological Risks Posed by Chemicals* should call the OEHHA Ecotoxicology Unit at (916) 327-1099 for assistance.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBTAINING THE DOCUMENT

Copies of the *Guidelines For Assessing Ecological Risks Posed By Chemicals. Part I. Introduction* can be obtained via the Internet at the OEHHA Web site, located at:

<http://www.oehha.ca.gov> (see "Ecotoxicology" on this page). Interested individuals who cannot conveniently access the Internet can request, in writing, a hardcopy of the document. Requests can be mailed or faxed as indicated below.

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